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(B) BRUSSELS 4046, DTG 221542Z APR 77
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1. WE EXPECT THERE WILL BE STRONG SUPPORT FOR INFRASTRUC-
TURE CEILING INCREASE DURING DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING. WE
ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT BELGIUM MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE A
POSITION PENDING FORMATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT.

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2. NEVERTHELESS, WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO SEEK BELGIAN AGREE-
MENT IN THE NATO FORUM TO THE INCREASE, SUBJECT TO
CONFIRMATION. WE BELIEVE THIS POSSIBILITY WOULD BE GREATLY
ENHANCED WERE BELGIUM THE ONLY HOLD-OUT AT THE TIME, I.E.,
IF ITALY WERE PREPARED TO AGREE TO THE INCREASE.

3. WHEN THIS MATTER IS DISCUSSED IN NATO, YOU SHOULD

CONTINUE TO URGE THAT BELGIAN AND ITALIAN REPS SEEK RAPID
APPROVAL FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS FOR THIS RELATIVELY MODEST
INCREASE.
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